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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ENRG, CM
SUBJ: CAMEROON: COMMERCIAL OIL PORDUCTION EXPECTED START SHORTLY

1. DECEMBER 12 FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUBOIS CONFIRMED THAT FIRST TANKER LIFT-OFF CAMEROONIAN CRUDE EXPECTED IN JANUARY FROM RIO DEL REY CONCESSION (ELF SEREPCA 51 PERCENT, PECTEN 49 PERCENT). HE SAID IN LINE WITH CAMEROONIAN POLICY TO DOWNPLAY START OF PRODUCTION THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL CEREMONY. OTHER SOURCES INDICATE THAT INITIAL OUTPUT FROM FIRST PRODUCTION PLATFORM EXPECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 8,500 BARRELS A DAY, AND TO RISE TO 20,000 - 30,000 BARRELS/DAY.

2. COMMENT: CAMEROON HAS CONSISTENTLY AVOIDED GENERATING PUBLICITY ABOUT ITS CURDE OIL PRODUCTION PLANS. HIGH OFFICIALS REALIZE THAT WHATEVER RESERVES ARE FOUND AND PUT INTO PRODUCTION WILL BE MODEST COMPARED TO NIGERIA AND EVEN GABON. THEY DO NOT WISH CAMEROONIANS TO GET THEIR HOPES UP THAT CURDE OIL WILL
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OFFER A PANACEA FOR CAMEROONIAN DEVELOPMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AF/C WOULD INFORM FORMER AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER OF SHELL HOUSTION THAT NO CEREMONY PRESENTLY PLANNED AND THAT WE WILL ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES.
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